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SUBJECT: THI CASE

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1. MISOFFS CALLED ON CYPRUS AMB ROSSIDES IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE 11 MARCH. ROSSIDES INDICATED HE HAS BEEN TAKEN SOMEWHAT ABACK BY SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS WITH VIETNAM AND THE US IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP A RESOLUTION THAT COULD BE ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE BY CONSENSUS. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT IF A TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO THE US AND SRV PROVED POSSIBLE, THE USSR MIGHT STAND ASIDE OR STATE CONTRARY VIEWS IN THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD MEAN HIS EFFORTS HAD BEEN A WASTE OF TIME. AFTER PHONING COMMITTEE SECRETARY (NEUMANN), ROSSIDES DECIDED TO MEET WITH THE VIETNAMESE 13 MARCH (WITHOUT THE US PRESENT, AS VIETNAM REQUESTED), LEAVING IN ABEYANCE THE QUESTION OF USSR PARTICIPATION.

2. MISOFFS TOLD ROSSIDES OUR FORMAL PREFERENCE IS FOR NO RESOLUTION BUT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PAPER IN DEFERENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN'S WISH AND
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HIS POINT THAT THE COMMITTEE NORMALLY CONCLUDES A PIECE OF BUSINESS WITH A RESOLUTION. IN ORDER TO PROVE USEFUL ANY RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF COMPELLED DEPARTURE OF DIPLOMATS IN A BALANCED WAY. MISOFFS SAID WE BELIEVED WE COULD SEEK WASHINGTON'S AGREEMENT TO A TEXT THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: (A) THE REQUEST FOR AMB. THI'S DEPARTURE WAS A

VERY SERIOUS MATTER; (B) ANY REQUEST BY A HOST COUNTRY FOR THE DEPARTURE OF A DIPLOMAT ACCREDITED TO AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON THE ASSERTED GROUND OF ABUSE OF PRIVILEGE OF RESIDENCE INVOLVES MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE SENDING STATE, THE HOST COUNTRY, AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION CONCERNED; AND (C) FULL COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS BY THE HOST COUNTRY, THE SENDING STATE AND OTHER STATES MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION IS VITAL TO THE HEALTHY FUNCTIONING OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. THE COMMITTEE COULD STATE ITS WILLINGNESS TO HEAR ANY FURTHER STATEMENTS ON THE MATTER AND, IF DESIRED, USUN COULD MAKE A SUITABLE REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE HUMPHREY-HUNG CASE WHEN THESE ARE CONCLUDED. ROSSIDES SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSULTATIONS, ALONG THE LINES OF HIS DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE, BUT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO TRY TO INCLUDE IN THE RESOLUTION AN INVITATION TO THE US TO REPORT ON THE TRIAL. LATTER SHOULD BE LEFT TO US JUDGMENT AT THE TIME. WHILE HE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMETHING FROM THE USSR-BULGARIA-IRAQ-MALI WORKING PAPER, HE UNDERSTOOD FULLY THAT THE US COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY IMPLICATION THAT WE HAD NOT LIVED UP TO OUR TREATY OBLIGATIONS IN THE THI CASE. HE OBSERVED THAT SINCE THE SRV HAD RECALLED THI, ANY RESOLUTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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